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—anon.

## Our Primal Greeting.

The "Sedlia Waekly Conservator" presents its presence to to the reading public, and begs a patient indulgent perusal of its columns. The Management and Editor hoop to interest you by supplying you with useful information on the current issues of the day—social, moral, religious and racial.

Our policy shall be for a higher standard of christian culture in the home, a more progressive and persistent effort in the business world a nearer approach to that true tyge of american citizenship—a citizenship prompted to action by but one motive, that motive; duty. It shall be our chief desire to be useful to the community in general and to its citizens particularly.

Believing that the public will appreciate effort and energy. The "Conservator" humbly solicits your patronage.

## Municipal Government.

That the government of the city has been one of the gravest questions any people have had to consider, is admitted with out argument. Hence, if any question should demand our earnest consideration in America, it is that of municipal government. At dresent, our national laws are the edicts or command of our rural population. How long this will continue is a ques- tion of but a few decades. For, the tendency of the American people to congregate in cities, gives political strength to them that will, if not properly safe-guarded, work ill to our general welfare. Our greatest political offenses against the sanctity of the ballot and the handling of public Franchises, have been committed in and about our great municipalities—New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis, and other cities of equal power and influence. What would result if the great municipal powers should form a "community of inierest" to handicap the general gov't?

## The Watchword for the Twentieth Century

The following excerpt from Senator Beverage's paper, "Americans of today & tomorrow", we would have every American read and emulate in a living adherence to the sentiment expressed. The American of the twentieth century will surely see this —sees it now. He says to himself as he arises in the morning, "My watchword for this day is steadiness and poise". He declares, "I do not propose to burn my energies agitating for this ism or that ism. I do not propose to scatter my strength fighting for verbal 'rights' which I am told belong to me, I mean that my work shall be for substantial ends". And so he introduces into his life the role of the three modern graces—stediness, system, conservatism.

Theodore Roosevelt is president of all the citizens of the U. S. Long may America be blessed with such sovereignty.

Negro Business Leagues are being organized all over the U. S. what is the matter with Pettis co. and Mo?

Let us beautify our yards. Why not organize a Home Im-  
provement Association with the purpose of looking after the  
improvement of our homes?

## AN HONEST THOUGHT BY AN HONEST PRESS

### The Relation Of The Negro To The Caucasian.

The best guarantee for the Negro is to be found in the growing realization of the whites that they cannot afford to missuse him. All the preaching against the wrong done to Negroes by lynching has been less effective to discourage the practice than the conviction of intelligent white men of the South that indulgence meant the demoralization of the white race and its lapse into barbarism. Southern men, too, have found that they could not afford to tolerate election frauds and violence, and have sought lawful methods of securing government by intelligence. Likewise they find that Negro education is essential to white welfare. The interests of the two races are indissolubly bound together. The politicians or philanthropists who have preached a different doctrine have been the evil counselors of both. They form one community. Its prosperity and civilization depend on the condition of both. For the sake of the Negro as well as the white, the men of highest character and intelligence should govern. For the sake of the white as well as the Negro, all citizens, regardless of color, should be protected in their legal rights; should be educated and made self-respecting and law-abiding; should be encouraged to improve their condition and stimulated to worthy ambitions.

N. Y. Tribune

Slang is sometimes justifiable.

Often is there a slang word which hits an idea, which fits a case as nothing else can, and it was born of the need to hit that particular case. In such conditions slang is justifiable. But the person who uses slang merely because it is slang; who loves slang because it is ontire; who missuses the dictionary because he likes to, is committing a crime against speech, and is making it difficult for others to speak accurately and be understood.

Then, there is the careless use of language, particularly on the part of young people. Perhaps it is a bubbling over and effervescence of life, but it makes for something evil if it is carried to far. I hear young people say sometimes—and it is not uncommon: "Why, I just tho't I should die." What had happened? They had heard a funny story, or had seen something which had hap- pened on the street. As a matter of fact, they didn't think they were going to die at all; and when they come to face death for themselves, or anybody else, with what words will they give adequate utterance to the emotions of such an hour, if they have wasted them all on something frivolous and meaningless?

Let us keep our word for their uses. When we say a man is a villian, mean that he is a villian, not merely that he belongs to the other party; if we say a man is a scoundrel, let us mean that he is a scoundrel, not merely that he disagrees with us on tariff; if we say a man is a thief, let us mean that he is a thief, not merely that he differs from us in regard to the governing of the city of New York.

We make it impossible for us to fight grandly, with a noble anger, against the evil, because we have broken and blunted all our weapons against the armor of the good.

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Hallie Q. Brow.

### Sedallians Enjoy A Rare Treat.

—Miss Brown, of Wilberforce, O., greets the Lincoln School pupils Thurs. morning, and the people in general Thurs. evening at the A. M. E. Church, Apr., 23, '03. Miss Brown is an Elocutioist of rare attainments; possessing a voice of many diversities, and a grace of gesture that both pleases and charms her hearers.

The Students and Faculty of Lincoln School were highly pleased with her remarks, urging them to persistent efforts along some chosen line of life-work.

The citizens of Sedalia are grateful to the Officers and Pastor of the A. M. E. Church for securing Miss Brown. The musical part of the program was furnished by the following: Misses Minniola Jackson and Blance Holliday Instrumental Solos Master Thos. Umbles and Miss V. Willene Jackson Vocal Solos.

Mrs. Mattie L. Teeter played a very pretty accompaniment to one of Miss Brown's recitation.

### Prof. H. L. Billup's Outing.

Prof H. L. Billups of the Commercial Department of G R Smith College, has taken an extended tour of old Mexico, going as far south as the city of Mexico, where he will look after business for a few days.

On his return he will stop at Marshall Tex. where he will visit Wiley University, delivering an address before the Alumnae of that institution, about the 11 inst., soon after which he will return to our own beloved city. We wish him a safe and prosperous journey and a speedy return. For we miss his pleasant smiles very much from our midst.

### The Negro Business League

#### A Call To Meet

I take the liberty of asking the columns of your valued newspaper to remind our people about the fourth annual meeting of the National Negro Business League to be held in Nashville, Tenn., during the coming summer. The people of Nashville have already begun making thorough and elaborate preparations for the League, and from every point of view the next gathering promises to be the largest and most important in the history of the organization. I especially desire to request that local Negro Business Leagues be organized and sustained in every community where there are no such Leagues, and in this connection, to express the wish that new life and vigor be put into the work of the Leagues already organized. It seems to be the universal verdict that since the organization of the National Negro Business League organized in 1900, the business interests of our people have been stimulated and increased through out the country many percent. and all agree that the National Negro Business League has more than justified its existence. It is important that local organizations begin at once to prepare to send delegates to the national meeting in Nashville. In this connection I wish to call attention to the fact that the report of the third annual session of the League at Richmond have been published, and copies may be secured by writing Mr. Williams, compiler, 113 Adams St Chicago, Ill.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,  
PRES.

Booker Washington.

We acknowledge the compliments of Dr. Booker T. Washington with his Brooklyn Institute speech, from which we take the following excerpt "With our presence in this country, it should always be born in mind that, unlike other races, we not only were forced to come into this country against our will but were brought in the face of our most earnest protest. Both as slaves and as freemen we have striven to serve the interests of this country as best we could. We have cleared forests, built railways, tunneled mountains, grown the cotton and rice, and we have always stood ready to defend the flag. We have never disturbed the country by strikes, riots and lockouts. Ours have been a peaceful, faithful service and life. In the face of all this I cannot believe, and will not believe, that a country which invites into its midst every type of European, from the highest to the very dregs of the earth, and gives these comers shelter, protection and the highest encouragement, will refuse to accord the same protection to her black citizens. The Negro seeks no special privileges. All that he asks is opportunity—that the same law which is made by the white man and applied to the one race, be applied with equal certainty and exactness to the other."

"Topeka Plaindealer,

### New Brand Needed

The Negro dont so much need political leading just now, as ne does safe business and commercial leaders. We have had a surfeit of political leaders. Let commercial and industrual leaders have the floor for a while.

Plaindealer.

In fixing our moral status, as a matter of fair play, do not judge us by our worst, as has so often been done, but rather by our best. While we are laboring earnestly to lift up and save our more unfortunate brethren, we ask you to help us, and withal to be patient with us. In thus asking you to be patient we do not ask you to think we are asking too much, for if you of the more favored races, who have been out of the wilderness for over a thousand years, still find some obliquity in ethics and morals among you, snrely you can be patient with us who are not out of the wilderness yet, having come only thirty-nine years out of the allotted forty.

### Negro Vote, North and South.

Pennsylvania has a larger number of persons of Negro descent in its population than any other of the Northern states. The census reports give the following figures for states where the whole number of colored persons exceed 50,000:

	whole number	Males over 21
Pennsylvania	156,845	51,698
New York	99,901	31,425
Ohio	98,901	31,395
Illinois	85,078	29,762
New Jersey	69,844	21,474
Indiana	52,003	14,685
Kansas	52,003	14,595

These figures show that in every state named the Negroes practically hold the balance of power. As in the Southern states the fear of Negro domination keeps them democratic, so in the Northern states the solid black vote serves to maintain a Republican supremacy. when the Negro shall have become so intellectually advanced as to understand the effect of his vote in determining the legislation and policies of the government he will be a more useful and less dangerous citizen. He will no longer "flock by himself".—Philadelphia Record.